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SUBJECT: CAR FERRY STRIKE IN CORSICA

1. CAR FERRY SERVICE TO AND FROM CORSICA FROM BOTH NICE AND MARSEILLE HAS SINCE AGAIN BEEN RESUMED FOLLOWING THE ONE WEEK STRIKE REPORTED IN REFTEL . ON SEPTEMBER 13TH THE SAILORS OF THE C.G.T. UNION MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETE NATIONALE CORSE MEDITERRANEE (S.N.C.M.) DECIDED TO END THEIR PROTEST OF THE SALE OF THE CAR FERRY "ILE DE BEAUTE". THE DECISION WAS VOTED AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (THE THIRD SINCE THE START OF THE STRIKE) , WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THOSE C.G.T. MEMBERS PRESENT CONCLUDED THAT THEIR PROTEST HAD INDEED BEEN HEARD BY THE LEADERS S.N.C.M. AND THAT THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. IN VOTING TO END THE STRIKE, THE SAILORS INSISTED THAT THEIR "FIGHT WOULD CONTINUE UNDER ANOTHER FORM".

2. ALTHOUGH THE S.N.C.M. HAD, DURING THE WEEK LONG STRIKE, ORGANIZED SEVERAL CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM AJACCIO AND BASTIA TO THE MAINLAND, HUNDREDS OF VEHICLES BELONGING PRINCIPALLY

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TO VACATIONERS, MUST NOW BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE ISLAND TO

BOTH MARSEILLE AND NICE.

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